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Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A textile fiber comprising polypropylene blended with about ~~[[1-25%]]~~ 0.59-4% by weight impact modifier, the impact modifier selected from the group consisting of ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer, ethylene-propylene monomer, ethylene-propylene rubber, styrene/ethylene-co-butadiene/styrene, styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene)-styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene), multi-block elastomeric copolymers, polyurethanes, polyamides, polyesters, single-site or metallocene-catalyzed polyolefins having density less than about 0.89 grams/cc, and ethylene/styrene.
2. (Currently Amended) The textile fiber of Claim 1, wherein the impact modifier has an ethylene content between about 48% and about 72% textile fiber comprises about 2-15% by weight impact modifier.
3. (Currently Amended) The textile fiber of Claim 1, wherein the impact modifier comprises at least one of the group consisting of ethylene-propylene-diene monomer, ethylene-propylene monomer, and ethylene-propylene rubber, the impact modifier having an ethylene content between about 48% and about 72% textile fiber comprises about 3-10% by weight impact modifier.
4. (Currently Amended) The textile fiber of Claim 1, wherein the impact modifier comprises a copolymer selected from the group consisting of ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer having an ethylene content between about 48% and about 72%, ethylene-propylene monomer having an ethylene content between about 48% and about 72%, ethylene-propylene rubber having an ethylene content between about 48% and about 72%, styrene/ethylene-co-butadiene/styrene, and styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene)-styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene).
5. (Original) A spunbond fiber comprising the textile fiber of Claim 1.

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6. (Original) A staple fiber comprising the textile fiber of Claim 1.
7. (Original) A multi-fiber yarn comprising the textile fiber of Claim 1.
8. (Original) A knit fabric comprising the textile fiber of Claim 1.
9. (Original) A woven fabric comprising the textile fiber of Claim 1.
10. (Original) A nonwoven fabric comprising the textile fiber of Claim 1.
11. (Original) An absorbent article comprising the nonwoven fabric of Claim 10.
12. (Currently Amended) A textile fiber comprising polypropylene blended with about 2-15% by weight impact modifier, the impact modifier selected from the group consisting of ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer having an ethylene content between about 48% and about 72%, ethylene-propylene monomer having an ethylene content between about 48% and about 72%, ethylene-propylene rubber having an ethylene content between about 48% and about 72%, styrene/ethylene-co-butadiene/styrene, and styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene)-styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene).
13. (Original) A spunbond fiber comprising the textile fiber of Claim 12.
14. (Original) A staple fiber comprising the textile fiber of Claim 12.
15. (Original) A multi-fiber yarn comprising the textile fiber of Claim 12.
16. (Original) A knit fabric comprising the textile fiber of Claim 12.
17. (Original) A woven fabric comprising the textile fiber of Claim 12.
18. (Original) A nonwoven fabric comprising the textile fiber of Claim 12.

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19. (Original) An absorbent article comprising the nonwoven fabric of Claim 18.
20. (Currently Amended) A nonwoven fabric comprising a plurality of modified fibers, the modified fibers including polypropylene blended with about 1-25% by weight impact modifier, the impact modifier selected from the group consisting of ethylene-propylene-diene-monomer having an ethylene content between about 48% and about 72%, ethylene-propylene monomer having an ethylene content between about 48% and about 72%, ethylene-propylene rubber having an ethylene content between about 48% and about 72%, styrene/ethylene-co-butadiene/styrene, and styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene)-styrene-poly(ethylene-propylene).
21. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 20, wherein the modified fibers comprise about 2-15% by weight impact modifier.
22. (Original) The nonwoven fabric of Claim 20, wherein the modified fibers comprise about 3-10% by weight impact modifier.
23. (Original) An absorbent article comprising the nonwoven fabric of Claim 20.